

COURTS

Mission Statement: The mission of the Courts is to serve the public through support of the judicial system of Loudoun County in providing an independent, accessible, responsive forum for the just resolution of disputes.

Description: The court system in Loudoun County is composed of: Circuit, Juvenile and Domestic Relations, General District Courts, and the Magistrates. The Juvenile and Domestic Relations (JDR) District Court provides the citizens of the community access to the legal system to resolve domestic disputes and adjudicate delinquent offenses. Its goal is to provide youth and families with the services needed to rehabilitate and protect the community. The General District Court Clerk's Office works as a team member with judges, law enforcement agencies, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, attorneys and the public in an effort to provide accurate records and information and the issuance of many legal documents in a timely manner. The Circuit Court, the only trial court of record in the County, is the court of original and appellate jurisdiction and has three sitting judges. It is the only court exercising general jurisdiction over all matters both criminal and civil, including appeals from the district courts.

Additional information on the Court's Capital Improvement Program projects can be found on pages 163 and 164. Information regarding scheduled Capital Asset Replacement Fund projects for the Courts can be found in tables beginning on page 300.

Departmental Financial Summary	FY 02 Actual	FY 03 Actual	FY 04 Actual	FY 05 Adopted	FY 06 Proposed
Expenditures					
Personnel	\$501,790	\$519,864	\$539,670	\$611,000	\$606,000
Operations & Maintenance	279,776	211,984	223,389	235,000	261,000
Capital Outlay	18,290	19,070	40,290	16,000	16,000
Total Expenditures:	\$799,856	\$750,918	\$803,350	\$862,000	\$883,000
Departmental Revenue					
Local Fees, Charges, Etc.	\$271	\$127	\$0	\$0	\$0
Commonwealth Funding	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues:	\$271	\$127	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Tax Funding:	\$799,585	\$750,791	\$803,350	\$862,000	\$883,000
FTE Summary:	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00

County Administrator's Recommendation: The FY 06 proposed budget for the Courts includes increases in health insurance and maintains service delivery at current levels. Local tax funding requirements increase by \$21,000 due to increase in training funds for the judges and general operating expenditures.